



# OVER *the* HILL

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Slowly but surely, we seem to be emerging from the worst of the COVID restrictions on motorsport. We are now able to run events – we've had two in the last two months (a report on the 13 September event is in this edition of *Over The Hill*) and another four are scheduled in October and November, the first this weekend (practice on Saturday and competition on Sunday). If all four go ahead, this will mean SDMA will run seven hillclimbs in 2020. It's not the ten events we expected at the start of the year, but it is still better than the outlook at the worst of the pandemic.

Limitations on accepting competitors from outside the Canberra region were eased this week. So we should now be able to accept competitors from the Greater Sydney region for the 18 October two lap-event, providing they don't live in or have visited a designated NSW COVID hotspot listed on the ACT Government website under the heading 'COVID affected areas in NSW':

<https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/community/travel/nsw>.

We look forward to welcoming back club members from Sydney and the Illawarra who haven't been able to compete because of these restrictions and who have been greatly missed.

The big challenge for the club will be when spectators and pit crews are allowed to return. At the moment we are still limited to a maximum of 100 people on-site with no spectators or pit crews but that may change as other restrictions ease. When we are allowed to have spectators and pit crews, there will still be requirements for us to have the contact details of every person at the hillclimb, even if they only come to watch for an hour or so. We will need more club members to volunteer to help with crowd management so that we can meet our legal obligations to monitor the overall number of people on site and to get and keep the contact details of everyone who attends. It means more work for the club which means we will need more people to volunteer. Watch *Over the Hill* for details of how you can help out.

As well as the two hillclimbs this month the **SDMA Annual General Meeting is on Sunday 25 October at 2.00 pm at the track**. Can I ask as many members as possible to come along and contribute to the running of your club? SDMA is only as good and as strong as the interest of club members so please play a part. Elsewhere in this *Over The Hill* are details of the roles and responsibilities of SDMA office holders and committee members along with nomination forms if you would like to stand for any position..

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## REMINDERS FOR ALL HILLCLIMB ENTRANTS

- **You must be a current financial SDMA member to compete.** If your membership has run out during the lockdown, or has expired please contact the Membership Secretary, Ross Samuelson, at [sdmamembership20@gmail.com](mailto:sdmamembership20@gmail.com). Membership is \$50 for individuals and \$70 for families.
- **You must have a current Motorsport Australia (MA) Level 2S licence to compete.**
- **You will need to provide your own appropriate Personal Protective Equipment, principally *hand sanitiser, disposable gloves and face masks (if the driver wishes to wear one)*.** There will be hand sanitising stations placed around the track, particularly in the Pit Stop Café and toilets, but ***personal use PPE is your responsibility.***
- **If your car has a MA/CAMS logbook you must have and use a MA/CAMS compliant frontal head restraint (FHR),** previously known as a HANS device. This rule came into effect on 1 January this year. There is no requirement to have or use a FHR if you are driving a road registered car or an unregistered vehicle which does not have a MA/ CAMS logbook. The MA/CAMS rationale for the new rule is safety, as FHRs are now required in most other forms of motorsport.
- **Please bring cash for the Pit Stop Café.** We don't sell virtual sausages or soft drinks so we ask for real money.

## WE NEED APPRENTICE TIMEKEEPERS

Our remarkable and unflappable timekeeper, Dave King, has been involved with Fairbairn Park hillclimbs since before SDMA was formed in 2000, having been a committee member of the predecessor club which ran the track in the 1980s and 1990s. He has recorded literally tens of thousands of lap times over the years and is a byword for accuracy, efficiency and reliability, not just among SDMA members but across the NSW hillclimbing fraternity. Between Dave and our course announcer, Terry Bennett, there is absolutely nothing more about hillclimbing possible to be known!

Over the rest of this year and into next year, Dave is looking to step back from doing as much as he has in the past. So the club is asking for people who would like to join a timing team to work with Dave and develop the skills, enthusiasm and patience necessary for this essential role in the club. If we don't have accurate times to boast about or complain about, hillclimbing would be pretty boring and pointless.

The advantages of working in the timekeeping tower include a great view of the whole course and the fact that all drivers treat you with great courtesy, respect and politeness. Plus it's a fascinating place from which to watch the different styles and techniques of drivers and the varying vehicle characteristics.

If you're interested in working in the timing tower, please e-mail Dave at [timespan44@bigpond.com](mailto:timespan44@bigpond.com).

## OFFICIALS FOR CLUB EVENTS

We need more club members to volunteer to be an officials at events which the club will run this year and in the future.

Please remember:

1. without enough officials we can't run an event; it's that simple; and
2. if we have enough people willing to work as an official the load can be shared and the amount of time each official has to contribute can be reduced.

Working as a flaggie, on the chock, as a grid marshal or as a general official helping keep the event running is an enjoyable way of being part of the hillclimb day and to keep in touch with friends and fellow club members.

It's not onerous, it's pretty enjoyable and can be fun. So if you feel you can help out for a day or half a day or a few hours, please contact Rohan Thatcher at [rohantthatcher@yahoo.com.au](mailto:rohantthatcher@yahoo.com.au).

And if you want to help out, can you also go to the Motorsport Australia website ([www.motorsport.org.au](http://www.motorsport.org.au)) to get an Official's Licence. Use the "Sign up" button at Get started/Officials or use the link <https://motorsport.org.au/membership/official>.

**Officials licences are free of charge!**

## EVENTS FOR THE REST OF 2020

COVID-19 has played havoc with our calendar this year.

With three quarters of the year gone, and almost half a year lost to the pandemic, SDMA's program for the rest of 2020 looks like this:

Sunday 04 October	One lap hillclimb (practice on Saturday 3 October -11.00 am to 4.00 pm)
Sunday 18 October	Two lap hillclimb
Sunday 25 October	SDMA Annual General Meeting 2.00 pm at the track: drinks and refreshments afterwards
Sunday 08 November	One lap hillclimb
Sunday 22 November	SDMA 20th Anniversary Hillclimb (one lap) Refreshments and special presentations after the event
Sunday 13 December	Club Christmas Party 12 midday for 12.30 pm at the Pit Stop Café!!

**Put them in your diary now!**

## 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

What's better to do on a (hopefully) sunny Sunday afternoon than come to the club's Annual General Meeting (AGM)? Absolutely nothing!

The committee would love to see many, many members at this year's AGM, which will be held on SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER, starting at 2.00 pm, in the PIT STOP CAFÉ at the track. Drinks and light refreshments will be provided.

### **Every financial member of SDMA is entitled to come to the AGM... and is very, very welcome!!!**

The AGM is an important event for the club. It's where

- the committee formally reports to members on how the club performed in 2019-2020 (organisationally and financially);
- the audited financial statements, prepared by the independent External Auditor, are provided to members;
- the club committee for the year is elected, with all positions open for election; and
- general business matters raised by members can be discussed.

The AGM sets the direction for the next year and gives members an opportunity to ask questions or to make suggestions about the way the club is run.

Electing the committee for the coming year is the AGM's most important task. Our constitution says the committee consists of the executive (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) and as many general committee members as are necessary to run the club, but with a minimum of six.

The club needs, and benefits from, new committee members with new ideas and new approaches. The current committee wants to encourage club members to stand for committee positions to help strengthen the club and improve how we operate.

If you wish to stand for election to the committee, you need to be nominated by an SDMA financial member and your nomination seconded by an SDMA financial member.

**Completed nomination forms should be sent to the Club Secretary,  
Dave Peisley at: [d-p@homemail.com.au](mailto:d-p@homemail.com.au)**

Roles and responsibilities for the various committee positions are on the next page.

The SDMA Nomination form for committee positions is on the last page of this issue of *Over the Hill*.

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SDMA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**President**—coordinates the management of the club, chairs committee meetings and is SDMA's main representative when dealing with outside bodies (e.g. Motorsport Australia, ACT Government)

**Vice President**—assists the President and, if the President is absent or incapacitated, acts as President.

**Secretary**—manages general business including receiving and sending correspondence; issues notices of meetings, writes the minutes of committee meetings and the Annual General Meeting.

**Treasurer**—manages the club's finances and maintains the club's financial records, especially in relation to taxation liabilities. At each committee meeting, the Treasurer submits a financial report on the position of the club, including payments and receipts since the previous committee meeting. The Treasurer provides the club's external Auditor with all information necessary to enable the Auditor to prepare Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ending 30 June, to be presented at the club's Annual General Meeting.

**Membership Secretary**— maintains the Membership Register and processes membership renewals and new membership requests.

**Club Captain**— in conjunction with the Official Timekeeper, maintains the Drivers' Championship point score and track records for Fairbairn Park Hillclimb so that accurate records are available on-line and in hard copy; works with the Pre-Event Secretary to arrange officials for events.

**Pre-Event Secretary**— in advance of scheduled events, prepares and submits applications to Motorsport Australia (MA) for MA event permits, nominating key event officials including Event Secretary, Clerk of Course, Stewards and Chief Scrutineer.

**Public Officer**— responsible for liaison with the ACT Government Office of the Regulatory Services including lodging SDMA's Annual Return; ensures SDMA complies with the Incorporated Associations Act; must be an ACT resident.

**Assistant Secretary**—assists the Secretary in taking and preparing Minutes of proceedings and resolutions passed at Committee meetings.

**Magazine Editor**—prepares *Over The Hill* for publication each month and works with the club's social media team to ensure information for members available in print and on-line is consistent and timely.

**Publicity Officer**—undertakes public relations and liaises with electronic and print media about club activities, particularly advance publicity for events.

**General Committee Members**—work with the executive office bearers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and can chair sub-committees formed by the Committee. Can have continuing or ad hoc 'portfolio' roles e.g. Facilities Manager; SDMA representatives on the Fairbairn Park Control Council; maintaining and developing SDMA's social media presence; and raising sponsorship for key events such as SDMA's annual round of the NSW HillClimb Championship.

1 September 2020



## EVENT REPORT – 13 SEPTEMBER HILLCLIMB

After the wild weather of the August hillclimb, September was a breeze – literally. The day was fine and fair, with only a few spots of rain throughout the day to keep everyone on their toes.

47 keen souls lined up for the event behind the wheels of an eclectic collection of cars, ranging from Malcolm Oastler's new lovingly crafted hand built Ninjamobil ZX10 – the construction of which was followed by many SDMA members who watched Malcom's fascinating YouTube videos – to Paul Welch's lovely Porsche GT3. Also in the mix were three beautiful Lotuses, David Deaves' HSV GTS and sundry Subarus, Golfs and Audis. It was quite something to watch the range of cars lining up on the dummy grid.

Despite an unfortunately long delay to recover Chris Tunk's Honda after it decided to drop a steering arm on Run 2, the rest of the day ran smoothly – so much so that we were able to complete six runs.



And after those six runs -

- Fastest Time of the Day (45.35 seconds) went to Malcolm Oastler on his third run in the Ninjamobil ZX10 – a new class record for Type 6 751cc to 1300cc. And by quite a margin, the old record being 46.98.
- Second outright was Paul Welch (45.52) in the GT3 Porsche, very close to Malcom's time with something to aim for next time, who headed the field in Type 1/2 Over 3000cc.
- Third was Harry Katsanevas (45.65) in the blue Ford Focus, who was first in Type AWD/SV3 Over 3000cc.





- Fastest Female Driver was McKelvy Reed (48.59) in the Subaru WRX STi, running in Type AWD/SV3 Over 3000cc.
- Fastest Junior Driver was Tom Donohue (46.68) in the Mitsubishi Evo X, also running in Type AWD/SV3 Over 3000cc.

Thanks to all the officials who made the day possible: Clerk of Course, Rohan Thatcher; Flag Marshals Morris Lonnie, Henry Hilhorst and John Courtney; David Yates who was Chief Marshal; our rotating chock crew of Col Merz, Alex Eapen, Ross Samuelson, David Deaves, Bohun Martin, Sean Martin, Rob Polglase and Chris Polglase; Michael O'Connor on Fire and Recovery; Dave King for timing and Terry Bennett on the public address.

Again, special thanks to the Pit Stop Café crew of Julie Merz, Julie Yates and Pamela Masters.



October will be a busy month with two events: a one lapper this Sunday (4 October), with timed practice from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm on Saturday and a two lapper on Sunday 18 October. A month with lots of opportunities and lots of fun.

Many thanks to *Jarrold McAneney* for allowing the use of several of his photographs in this article..





## SDMA COVID-19 EVENT PROCEDURES - Saturday 3 October and Sunday 4 October

Here are the procedures SDMA has to follow to run the event. These rules are set by Motorsport Australia and the ACT Government.

There are many changes to the way we used to run events pre-COVID so please read these procedures carefully.

The key points are:

- No more than 100 people on the site at any time
- No spectators
- No pit crews
- No physical scrutineering:
  - Every competitor must have completed a Motorsport Australia 'Self Scrutiny Check List' and submitted it with their entry (this form is available in the SDMA On-Line Entry system)
  - Every competitor must have completed a Motorsport Australia 'Statement of Compliance' and submitted it with their entry (this form is available in the SDMA On Line Entry system)
  - Every competitor must also have to hand in a signed SDMA 'Statement of Compliance' when they arrive on either 3 October (practice day) or 4 October (if they haven't attended practice on 3 October). This form will say that the driver has physically checked their vehicle in the previous 72 hours and it still is fit for the event. This form will be sent to drivers electronically before the event.
- There will be no physical driver's briefing. Competitors will be sent an electronic Drivers' Briefing before the event (the SDMA Statement of Compliance form will be sent with this e-mail.)
- Physical distancing must be observed throughout the day
- The Pit Stop Café will be open but signs will indicate the entry and exit lanes:
  - There will be no tables in the covered Pit Stop Café area
  - The tables and chairs may be spread out with appropriate spacing on the lawns around the centre Pit Stop café area
- Entry and exit to the toilet blocks will be by way of signed lanes
- Access to and from the circuit will be monitored to ensure that the 100 person limit is observed at all times.
- COVID-19 checkers will be on duty
  - If you have been to Victoria or Greater Sydney in the 14 days before the event, you cannot compete in the event.

## 20th ANNIVERSARY HILLCLIMB – SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2020

The first hillclimb run by SDMA was on Sunday 26 November 2000, just six months after a public meeting in May established the club. Getting the track repaired, affiliating with CAMS and training officials and volunteers in such a short time was a huge achievement. 20 years later SDMA runs 10 or more hillclimbs a year that attract competitors from Canberra and well beyond because of the quality of the circuit and the professional way the events are managed.



### **To mark 20 years of progress, the hillclimb on Sunday 22 November will be the SDMA 20th Anniversary HillClimb.**

- All previous ACT HillClimb Champions will be invited to be part of the celebration, either by competing or coming to watch.
- All competitors, officials, volunteers and previous ACT HillClimb Champions will receive a commemorative cap embroidered with the 20th Anniversary logo.
- Competitors will get a free sausage sandwich and soft drink at lunchtime.
- Anyone who competed in the first hillclimb in 2000 will get free entry to the event, as will former ACT HillClimb Champions and SDMA life members.
- There will be a catered social gathering at the end of the day for competitors, officials, volunteers and special guests such as previous ACT HillClimb Champions and the executive of the Brindabella Motor Sport Club, without whose support SDMA would not have been able to get off the ground.

The 20th Anniversary HillClimb will be a round of the 2020 ACT Hillclimb Championship, but with a difference. Instead of Fastest Time of the Day (FTD) being the top award, which favours the modified classes, over Types 1, 2 and 3 classes, the main prize will be a special 20th Anniversary HillClimb Trophy, for the driver who performs best on the day compared with the record for their class.

Times will be compared with the class record as a percentage and whoever bests or gets closest to their class record will be the day's winner. (This is the way the count back for the ACT HillClimb Championship is decided if there is a tie at the end of the year: see the club website for details.)

Class awards will be presented as usual and points will be awarded for the 2020 ACT HillClimb Championship.

**It will be a great day to mark a great milestone:  
SDMA 20 years young!**

## For Sale

### Tilt Trailer

Tandem Axle, Tilt Bed Trailer  
Custom 2 ton car/bike trailer/frame/steel, safety chain  
15" Holden stud pattern rims, mechanical brakes and bearings,  
LED tail lights and wiring, front and side clearance lights,  
Registration to Nov 2020,  
2 TON leaf suspension, 40mm 97" axles,  
Tow hitch 2 TON slide mechanical, handbrake cable and adjuste

Floor size is 4850x1900

**\$5800**

Please email [kent.donally@gmail.com](mailto:kent.donally@gmail.com)



## For Sale

### BRAND NEW RPM Mondial driving suit

Current FIA approval (8856-2000), never been worn. It is marked

'medium' but it is too big for me (174cm/74kg) so I think it is more like a 'large' size and it probably has the wrong tag sewn on it. It cost me \$625 but prepared to cut my losses and sell it for **\$500**. Give me a call if we can do a deal.

Contact: Col Merz on 0412 316 275



## For Sale

### Maxxis tyre (235/55 R18 100V) on CSA Savana rim.

Purchased to use as spare on 2010 Holden Captiva, but never used. Complete with wheel nuts: **\$200**

Contact Henry 0421 677 951 or in the pits.




## SDMA COMMITTEE

Position	Name/email	Telephone
President	<a href="#">John Templeton</a>	0409 624 895
Vice President	<a href="#">Geoff Bassingthwaighte</a>	0408 481 506
Secretary	<a href="#">David Peisley</a>	0409 000 028
Treasurer	<a href="#">Alex Hitch</a>	
Public Officer	<a href="#">Geoff Bassingthwaighte</a>	0408 481 506
Club Captain	Mark Wyatt	
Point Scores	Dave King	
<b>Pre-event Secretary</b> (Queries regarding event entry should be directed to the Event Secretary listed in the Supplementary Regulations on the Entry Forms page)	<a href="#">Daniel Cummins</a>	
Facility Management	<a href="#">Col Merz</a>	
Membership Secretary (Temporary)	Ross Samuelson	0401 704 392
General members	Kimberley Le Lievre John Stewart Zac Le Lievre Harry Katsanevas Rohan Thatcher Mark Wyatt Celeste Oringo	
FPCC/CMSC Representatives	<a href="#">David Yates</a> , <a href="#">Anthony Hyde</a>	0419 614 144 0429 470 104
NSW CAMS Representative	<a href="#">Bob Wootton</a>	

## SDMA MERCHANDISE

To order any merchandise, contact a committee member or visit the Pit Stop Café on event days.

Hats (peak and bucket)	\$15.00	
SDMA cloth patches	\$5.00	
Number plate frames	\$8.00 (pair)	

## SDMA SPONSORS

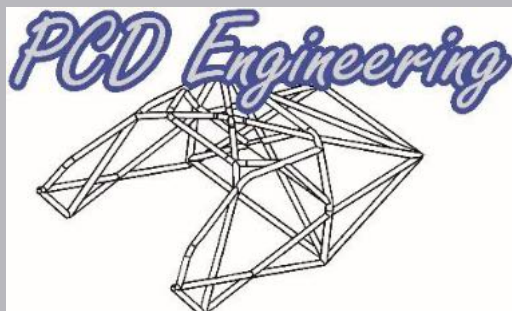
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# 2020 SDMA AGM NOMINATION FORM

I hereby nominate: .....

SDMA Membership number: .....

for the position of: .....

Name of Proposer: ..... Membership number:.....

Signature of Proposer: .....

Name of Secunder: ..... Membership number:.....

Signature of Secunder: .....

I accept nomination for the above position.

Signature: .....

Date: ...../...../2020